

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 4, 1954

Dear Mr. Bartelt:

As you know, I have watched with continuing interest the work of the Crusade for Freedom in support of Radio Free Europe. This network of privately operated radio stations is performing an outstanding service in bringing truth, encouragement and hope to the millions of captive people behind the Iron Curtain, helping to keep them strong-hearted, nationally proud and determined to win their own way back to freedom.

I have learned with pleasure that the 1954 Crusade for Freedom was an unqualified success, and I am particularly pleased with the outstanding cooperation of the federal departments and armed services. You and your associates are to be congratulated upon your efforts and leadership in achieving this success.

Feeling as I do about the Crusade for Freedom, I believe it is of first importance that your leadership and experience be made available again for the 1955 Crusade. It is my sincere hope that you will be able to accept the chairmanship for the federal departments' and military establishments' participation for the 1955 Crusade for Freedom.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dwight D. Eisenhower". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

The Honorable Edward F. Bartelt  
Fiscal Assistant Secretary  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C.